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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2003 concerning the captioned patent application. By the attached Petition for an Extension of Time, Applicants have extended the date for responding until November 25, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.